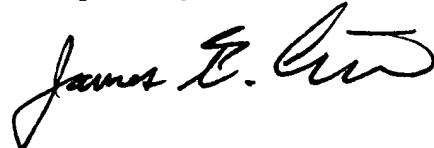


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REMARKS

In response to the Election/Restriction requirements in the Office Action dated **September 30, 2003**, Applicants hereby provisionally elect species 1, directed to the subject matter of FIGS. 3-4. Applicants submit that Claims 1-36 are readable on the elected embodiments. However, the requirement for election among species 1-4 is traversed. Applicants submit that provisionally elected Claims 2-36 depend directly or indirectly from provisionally elected Claim 1, which generically reads on species 1-4. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner modify the requirement for election to group species 1-4 together for examination, as provided for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Respectfully submitted,



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